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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-5,8,9,12,14,15 and 18-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-5,8,9,12,14,15 and 18-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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### DETAILED ACTION

The rejection of claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Patent abstract 63-309273 (Miyahara) in view of Japanese Patent abstract 10-072313 (Horiike) is withdrawn in view of applicants' arguments.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claims 1, 3-5, 8-9, 12, 14-15, 1 and 8-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for a reactive organic compound having a reactive group as disclosed on page 4, line 22 through page 5, and line 4 and page 7, line 2 through page 8, and line 2, of the specification, does not reasonably provide enablement for the broad language of "hydrophilic compound having a polymerizable vinyl group" or "monomer containing any of a hydroxyl group, a carboxylic group, an amino group, a sulfonic group, and a phosphate group" or "hydrophilic compound having an epoxy group" or "compound having an aziridine group" or "compound containing an isocyanate group or a precursor thereof" or "a high molecular compound containing an ether, acryl, urethane, amide or ester group". The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. More specifically, the language referenced above is broad and encompasses a host of reactive organic compounds not disclosed in the specification.

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There is no evidence on this record that any of the multiplicity possible reactive organic compounds would function as intended in the presently claimed invention. Therefore, the specification is not commensurate in scope with the claims.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 1, 3-5, 9, 12, and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Neuhauser 3,194,732 in view of Japanese Patent Abstract 07-246234 (the abstract).

Neuhauser teaches sheets for wound dressings comprising eggshell membranes which can be coated onto fabrics, or woven and non-woven materials, wherein the membranes may be bonded to the fibrous substrates through adhesive compositions such as compositions containing pectin, gelatin, starch and starch derivatives, vegetable gums and innocuous adhesive materials. See column 3, lines 50-73. Neuhauser does not teach that the eggshell is water-soluble.

The abstract teaches the outstandingly enhancement of a sheet used for treatment of a wound by depositing a soluble eggshell membrane on the surface of said sheet.

It would have been obvious to modify the teachings of Neuhauser by using as the eggshell membrane and soluble eggshell membrane as taught in the abstract, motivated by the ability to outstandingly enhance the resultant sheet for wound dressing.

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Regarding claim 3, it is the position of the examiner that since the result sought and the ingredients used were known, it was within the expected skills of one having ordinary skill in this art to arrive at the optimum proportion of those ingredients.

Accordingly, the proportions of ingredients would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention as claimed in claim 3 was made. *In re Reese*, 129 USPQ 402 (CCPA 1961).

Therefore, the combined teachings of Neuhauser and the abstract would have rendered obvious the invention as claimed in present claims 1, 3-5, 9, 12, and 19-20.

### ***Conclusion***

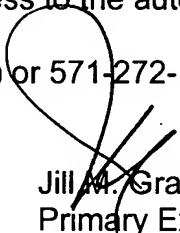
3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jill M. Gray whose telephone number is 571-272-1524. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th and alternate Fridays 10:30-7:00. .

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye can be reached on 571-272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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